

## Waste Oil - Information Sheet

Council was successful in attracting a Commonwealth Grant of \$28,000 for the purchase and installation of Waste Oil Units at the Wirrabara and Port Germein Transfer Stations. The funding was provided under the Product Stewardship for Oil Programme.

This funding covered the majority of the establishment costs for these units, with Council contributing the remainder.

The installation of the units followed Council's concern of the possibility of illegal dumping of oil and the associated damage to the environment.

Used motor oil (not cooking oils) is a resource used for firing furnaces and must be free from contaminants like water and coolants.

One of Council's obligations in securing the grant, was that the depositing of used oil at these units must be free of charge, provided that the amount of oil being deposited does not exceed 40 litres per person for 2 years following the agreement's expiration. For the disposal of larger quantities of clean, used oil (eg farmer with several 200 litre drums), it would be more appropriate to contact the waste oil collection agencies direct and organise an on-site pick-up.

Waste oil can be taken to the Willowie Refuse site or either of the Transfer Stations at Port Germein or Wirrabara. Please ensure that all containers have lids secured and are not leaking. Spilled oil creates work health and safety (WWasHS) and environmental issues.

For more information on the services, please talk to the site Managers / Operators who are trained in the safe operation of the units, or contact the Council Office.

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